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In re application of : Michael C. Burke
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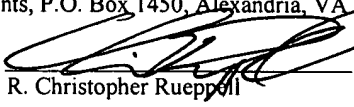
**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF
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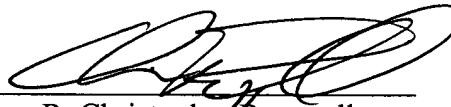
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